REMARKS:

- 1) Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment including new claims 13 to 16 is respectfully requested. These new US claims 13 to 16, except for avoiding the multiple dependency, are based on a translation of revised PCT claims 1 to 3 that were submitted on October 20, 2005 for the PCT International Application.
- 2) Note that the International Preliminary Report on Patentability found that all of the revised PCT claims 1 to 3 of the PCT International Application satisfied all criteria for patentability including novelty, non-obviousness and utility. Thus, the corresponding new US claims 13 to 16 should also be found to be patentable.
- 2) Claims 13 to 16 are the claims to be examined. Favorable consideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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